

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL Claims 1-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter. Please AMEND claim 11, and ADD claims 12-14, as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus for heating an ~~and~~ image formed ~~forming~~ on a recording material, comprising:

a flexible rotatable member;

a slidable member for sliding contact with an inner surface of said flexible rotatable member;

a back-up member for forming a nip with said slidable member with said flexible rotatable member interposed therebetween, wherein the nip is effective to nip and feed the recording material, and the image is heated by heat supplied from said flexible rotatable member;

a second rotatable member disposed within the range of said nip and downstream of said slidable member with respect to the recording material feeding direction,

wherein said second rotatable member is effective to provide a maximum pressure in the direction, with respect to the recording material feeding direction, of pressure applied to the nip.

12. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said flexible rotatable member includes a metal layer, and said apparatus comprises magnetic field generating means for generating heat by electromagnetic induction in the metal layer of said flexible rotatable member.

13. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said apparatus is usable with an image forming apparatus for forming a toner image on the recording material, wherein the toner has a Melt Index of 3-50.

14. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said apparatus is usable with an image forming apparatus for forming a toner image on the recording material, wherein the toner has a glass transition point of 50-80 Centigrade.